

Even more remarkable is the fact that there is evidence that the CIA has actually participated in drug trafficking activities. In the late 1980's, the CIA began to develop intelligence on the Colombian drug cartels. To infiltrate the cartels, the CIA arranged an undercover drug-smuggling operation with the Venezuelan National Guard. More than one and one-half tons of cocaine were smuggled from Colombia into Venezuela and then stored at a CIA-financed Counternarcotics Intelligence Center in Venezuela.

In certain circumstances, the DEA arranges "controlled shipments" of illegal drugs, in which the drugs are allowed to enter the United States and then tracked to their destination and seized. However, in this case, the CIA was more interested in keeping the drug lords happy than confiscating the drugs and prosecuting the traffickers. The CIA asked the DEA for permission to "let the dope walk," that is allow the drugs to be sold on our nation's streets. The DEA refused, but the CIA ushered the drugs into the United States anyway.

On November 19, 1990, a shipment of 800 pounds of cocaine was seized by the U.S. Customs Service at the Miami International Airport. Customs traced the cocaine back to the Venezuelan National Guard and the CIA. Unfortunately, we may never know precisely how much cocaine entered the United States through the CIA's pipeline or how much eventually reached our nation's streets. No one at the CIA was ever charged.

The inclusion of Section 313 in H.R. 1555 sends a clear message to our nation's intelligence community: intelligence employees, agents and assets are not above the law. The CIA should be working to stop the harmful trafficking in illegal drugs that is destroying our communities. It should not be assisting the drug traffickers.

I appreciate the support of my colleagues on this important issue and I especially appreciate the willingness of the conferees to include Section 313 in the conference report for H.R. 1555.

Despite the inclusion of Section 313, I am deeply concerned about the amount and use of the funds authorized by H.R. 1555. The United States government spends tremendous amounts of money on covert activities, espionage and other intelligence activities with little congressional oversight and without the knowledge or support of the American people. Spending on intelligence activities should be decreased considerably and congressional oversight over intelligence agencies must be improved. Furthermore, I cannot in good conscience support an intelligence authorization bill as long as the total amount of funds spent on intelligence activities remains classified and unknown to the people we are elected to represent.

I therefore must urge my colleagues to oppose H.R. 1555.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the conference report.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). The question is on the conference report.

The conference report was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 1555.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the vote on passage of the bill, H.R. 1714, on which a recorded vote was ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on passage of the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 356, noes 66, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 579]

AYES—356

Abercrombie	Collins	Goss
Aderholt	Combest	Graham
Allen	Condit	Granger
Andrews	Cook	Green (TX)
Archer	Cooksey	Green (WI)
Armey	Cox	Greenwood
Bachus	Coyne	Gutierrez
Baird	Cramer	Gutknecht
Baker	Crane	Hall (OH)
Baldacci	Crowley	Hall (TX)
Ballenger	Cubin	Hansen
Barcia	Cummings	Hastings (FL)
Barr	Cunningham	Hastings (WA)
Barrett (NE)	Danner	Hayes
Bartlett	Davis (FL)	Hayworth
Barton	Davis (VA)	Hefley
Bass	DeGette	Heger
Bateman	DeLauro	Hill (IN)
Becerra	DeLay	Hill (MT)
Bentsen	DeMint	Hilleary
Bereuter	Deutsch	Hilliard
Berkley	Diaz-Balart	Hinojosa
Berry	Dicks	Hobson
Biggert	Doggett	Hoeckstra
Bilbray	Dooley	Holden
Bilirakis	Doolittle	Holt
Bishop	Doyle	Hooley
Bliley	Dreier	Horn
Blumenauer	Duncan	Hostettler
Blunt	Dunn	Houghton
Boehlert	Ehlers	Hoyer
Boehner	Ehrlich	Hulshof
Bonilla	Emerson	Hunter
Bono	English	Hutchinson
Borski	Eshoo	Hyde
Boswell	Etheridge	Inlee
Boucher	Everett	Isakson
Boyd	Ewing	Istook
Brady (TX)	Farr	Jackson-Lee
Brown (FL)	Fletcher	(TX)
Bryant	Foley	Jefferson
Burr	Forbes	Jenkins
Burton	Ford	John
Buyer	Fossella	Johnson (CT)
Callahan	Fowler	Johnson, E. B.
Calvert	Frank (MA)	Johnson, Sam
Camp	Franks (NJ)	Jones (NC)
Campbell	Frelinghuysen	Kaptur
Canady	Frost	Kasich
Cannon	Gallegly	Kelly
Capps	Ganske	Kennedy
Capuano	Gejdenson	Kind (WI)
Cardin	Gekas	King (NY)
Carson	Gibbons	Kingston
Castle	Gilchrest	Klecza
Chabot	Gillmor	Knollenberg
Chambliss	Gilman	Kolbe
Clay	Gonzalez	Kuykendall
Clayton	Goode	LaHood
Clement	Goodlatte	Lampson
Clyburn	Goodling	Lantos
Coble	Gordon	Larson

Latham	Owens	Skelton
LaTourette	Oxley	Smith (MI)
Lazio	Packard	Smith (NJ)
Leach	Pallone	Smith (WA)
Lewis (CA)	Pastor	Snyder
Lewis (GA)	Pease	Souder
Lewis (KY)	Pelosi	Spence
Linder	Peterson (MN)	Spratt
Lipinski	Peterson (PA)	Stabenow
LoBiondo	Petri	Stearns
Lofgren	Pickering	Stenholm
Lucas (KY)	Pickett	Strickland
Lucas (OK)	Pitts	Stump
Maloney (CT)	Pombo	Sununu
Maloney (NY)	Pomeroy	Sweeney
Manzullo	Porter	Talent
Markey	Portman	Tancredio
Martinez	Price (NC)	Tanner
Mascara	Pryce (OH)	Tauscher
McCarthy (MO)	Quinn	Tauzin
McCarthy (NY)	Radanovich	Taylor (NC)
McCollum	Ramstad	Terry
McCrery	Rangel	Thomas
McDermott	Regula	Thompson (CA)
McGovern	Reyes	Thompson (MS)
McHugh	Reynolds	Thornberry
McInnis	Riley	Thune
McIntosh	Rodriguez	Thurman
McIntyre	Roemer	Tiahrt
McKeon	Rogan	Toomey
McNulty	Rogers	Towns
Meehan	Rohrabacher	Traficant
Meek (FL)	Ros-Lehtinen	Turner
Metcalf	Roukema	Udall (CO)
Mica	Royce	Udall (NM)
Millender-McDonald	Rush	Upton
Miller (FL)	Ryan (WI)	Velazquez
Miller, Gary	Ryun (KS)	Vitter
Miller, George	Salmon	Walden
Minge	Sanchez	Walsh
Moakley	Sandlin	Wamp
Mollohan	Sanford	Watkins
Moore	Sawyer	Watts (OK)
Moran (KS)	Saxton	Weldon (FL)
Moran (VA)	Schaffer	Weldon (PA)
Morella	Sensenbrenner	Weller
Murtha	Sessions	Weygand
Myrick	Shadeegg	Whitfield
Napolitano	Shaw	Wicker
Neal	Shays	Wilson
Nethercutt	Sherman	Wise
Ney	Sherwood	Wolf
Northup	Shimkus	Wu
Norwood	Shows	Wynn
Nussle	Shuster	Young (AK)
Ortiz	Simpson	Young (FL)
Ose	Sisisky	
	Skeen	

NOES—66

Ackerman	Jackson (IL)	Phelps
Baldwin	Jones (OH)	Rahall
Barrett (WI)	Kanjorski	Rivers
Berman	Kildee	Rothman
Blagojevich	Kilpatrick	Roybal-Allard
Bonior	Klink	Sabo
Brady (PA)	Kucinich	Sanders
Brown (OH)	LaFalce	Schakowsky
Chenoweth-Hage	Lee	Scott
Conyers	Levin	Serrano
Costello	Lowey	Slaughter
Davis (IL)	Luther	Stark
DeFazio	McKinney	Stupak
Delahunt	Meeks (NY)	Taylor (MS)
Dingell	Menendez	Tierney
Dixon	Mink	Vento
Engel	Nadler	Visclosky
Evans	Oberstar	Waters
Fattah	Obey	Watt (NC)
Filner	Olver	Waxman
Hinchey	Paul	Weiner
Hoefel	Payne	Woolsey

NOT VOTING—11

Coburn	Gephardt	Scarborough
Deal	Largent	Smith (TX)
Dickey	Matsui	Wexler
Edwards	Pascrell	

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Messrs. PAYNE, BROWN of Ohio, BARRETT of Wisconsin, SERRANO, LEVIN, WAXMAN, and Ms. KILPATRICK changed their vote from "aye" to "no."